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Title: 14-18 Inch Protected Slot Limit, Bag Limit 3, Only 1 over 18 inches on Tainter Lake, Dunn Co.

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The Problem:

Tainter Lake, a 1,752-acre reservoir lake, is an important walleye fishery in Dunn County and the surrounding area. Tainter Lake has an average walleye population in comparison to other flowages and rivers statewide. Harvest of adult walleye is very high and limits the overall population density (number per acre). Netting and electrofishing length distributions from the lake show that all sizes of walleye were represented, with the majority of fish under fifteen inches. Total walleye PE of 30,433 fish (17.4 fish/acre), of which 69% are age one and two fish (5.3 and 6.7 fish/acre respectfully). Adult walleye PE is 1.9 fish/acre. (Engel,2000)

Local anglers have expressed a desire to improve the number of adult walleye, while continuing to be able to harvest some of the abundant smaller fish.

Analyses have shown that a protected slot size of 14-18 inches and daily bag of 3 fish and only 1 per day over 18 inches is an appropriate regulation to meet these goals. This regulation is intended to continue to allow anglers to harvest abundant walleye less than 14 inches while at the same time increasing the number of adult walleye in the population. The regulation has the potential to increase the number of walleye 14 inches and greater.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Dunn County on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change allowing a slot limit on Tainter Lake in Dunn County.

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